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June 4, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Nature Solutions for Health and Climate Equity - Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas A&M University System, located at 301 Tarrow Street, College Station, Texas 77840.

The funding would be used to connect ecologically disadvantaged areas in Dallas to existing greenspaces and support new treescapes in places that optimize human health.

Human health issues and climate change are global concerns now and for the foreseeable future. They are of particular concern in communities of color and formerly redlined neighborhoods where community investment has not kept pace with depreciation. Trees and forest have enormous potential to address both these issues. Research shows that proximity and visibility of treescapes are critical to optimize health benefits. Concurrently, trees and forests have climate mitigating and stabilizing characteristics at a local, regional and global scale.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Member of Congress